

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Eiichi TAKATA et al.. Divisional Application of Parent Serial No.: 09/546,862 Filing Date: Concurrently herewith For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVE ELEMENT	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before the first paragraph, please add the following new paragraph:

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/546,862 filed April 10, 2000, currently pending.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-5 and 13-20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

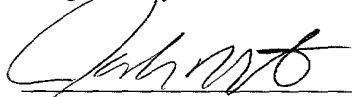
REMARKS

Claims 6-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends the specification and cancel Claims 1-5 and 13-20.

Applicant respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. **50-1353**.

Respectfully submitted,


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